

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:141

ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005

REOPENING OF SONE GANGA FERTILIZER UNIT

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government had closed Sone Ganga Fertilizer Unit of Pyrites Phosphate and Chemical Ltd. located at Amjhore in the Rohtas district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has recently announced to restart the said factory;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be started; and

(e) the production capacity of the said factory at the time of closure and likely to remain in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government has decided to close down the entire Pyrites, Phosphate and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) including the Amjhore Unit on 5 June 2003 as its operations were not found techno- economically viable.

(c): No sir, However, the government has recently constituted a Committee to go into the Techno-economic feasibility of mining and marketing of agricultural grade pyrites directly as fertilizers.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The installed production capacity of the Amjhore unit at the time of closure was 2.64 LMT of Single Super Phosphate.